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MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Department of Food)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 3rd January 1959

G.S.R. 23.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Order may be called the Punjab Paddy (Export Control) Order, 1959.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Punjab.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “export” means to take or cause to be taken out of any place within the State of Punjab to any place outside the State;

(b) “paddy” means rice in husk;

(c) “State Government” means the Government of the State of Punjab.

3. Restrictions on export of paddy.—No person shall export or attempt to export or abet the export of paddy except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government or any officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf:

Provided that nothing contained herein shall apply to the export of paddy,—

(i) not exceeding five seers in weight by a *bona fide* traveller as part of his luggage; or

(ii) on Government account; or

(iii) under and in accordance with Military Credit Notes.

4. Power of entry, search, seizure, etc.—(1) Any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector or any other person authorized in this behalf by the State Government may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order, or to satisfying himself that this Order has been complied with,—

(a) stop and search, or authorize any person to stop and search, any person, boat, motor or any vehicle or receptacle used or intended to be used for the export of paddy;

(b) enter and search and authorize any person to enter and search any place;

(c) seize or authorize the seizure of paddy in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Order has been, is being or is about to be contravened, along with the packages, coverings or receptacles in which such paddy is found or the animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances used in carrying such paddy and thereafter take or authorize the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of the packages, coverings, receptacles, animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances so seized, in a court and for their safe custody pending such production.

(2) The provisions of sections 102 and 103 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, relating to search and seizure shall, so far as may be, apply to searches and seizures under this clause.

5. **Effect of this Order.**—The provisions of this Order are in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of the Rice (Northern Zone) Movement Control Order, 1958.

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